

What is Claimed:

1. A motion-detecting note holder comprising:
a note retention member;
a switch that is actuated by insertion of a note into the note retention member;
a motion sensor;
a note-waiting indicator; and
a controller in communication with the switch, the motion sensor, and the note-waiting indicator,
wherein, when the switch is actuated, the controller, upon receiving a motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, causes the note-waiting indicator to provide a human-perceptible indication that a note is in the note retention member.
2. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 1, wherein
the note-waiting indicator includes a speaker,
the controller has a pre-programmed audio segment stored thereon, and
upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the audio segment to be played via the speaker.
3. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 2, wherein the controller prevents the audio segment from being played at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
4. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 1, wherein
the note-waiting indicator includes a light source, and
upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the light source to provide a predefined light pattern.
5. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 4, wherein the controller prevents the light pattern from being provided at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
6. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 4, wherein
the note-waiting indicator includes a speaker,
the controller has a pre-programmed audio segment stored thereon, and
upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the audio segment to be played via the speaker.

7. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 6, wherein the controller prevents the audio segment from being played at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
8. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 1, further comprising a portable housing that contains the note retention member, the switch, the motion sensor, the note-waiting indicator, and the controller.
9. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 8, further comprising a writing implement retention member attached to the housing.
10. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 8, wherein the housing defines a supply storage cavity.
11. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 1, further comprising a photograph retention member.
12. A motion-detecting note holder comprising:
 - a note retention member;
 - a switch;
 - a motion sensor;
 - a note-waiting indicator; and
 - a controller in communication with the switch, the motion sensor, and the note-waiting indicator,wherein, when the switch is actuated, the controller, upon receiving a motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, causes the note-waiting indicator to provide a human-perceptible indication that a note is in the note retention member.
13. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 12, wherein
 - the note-waiting indicator includes a speaker,
 - the controller has a pre-programmed audio segment stored thereon, and
 - upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the audio segment to be played via the speaker.
14. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 13, wherein the controller prevents the audio segment from being played at least until a preset time period has elapsed.

15. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 12, wherein the note-waiting indicator includes a light source, and upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the light source to provide a predefined light pattern.
16. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 15, wherein the controller prevents the light pattern from being provided at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
17. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 15, wherein the note-waiting indicator includes a speaker, the controller has a pre-programmed audio segment stored thereon, and upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the audio segment to be played via the speaker.
18. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 17, wherein the controller prevents the audio segment from being played at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
19. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 12, further comprising a portable housing that contains the note retention member, the switch, the motion sensor, the note-waiting indicator, and the controller.
20. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 19, further comprising a writing implement retention member attached to the portable housing.
21. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 19, wherein the housing defines a supply storage cavity.
22. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 12, further comprising a photograph retention member.
23. A motion-detecting note-waiting notification device comprising:
 - a switch;
 - a motion sensor;
 - a note-waiting indicator; and

a controller in communication with the switch, the motion sensor, and the note-waiting indicator,

wherein, when the switch is actuated, the controller, upon receiving a motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, causes the note-waiting indicator to provide a human-perceptible indication that a note is waiting.

24. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 23, wherein the note-waiting indicator includes a speaker, the controller has a pre-programmed audio segment stored thereon, and upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the audio segment to be played via the speaker.
25. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 24, wherein the controller prevents the audio segment from being played at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
26. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 23, wherein the note-waiting indicator includes a light source, and upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the light source to provide a predefined light pattern.
27. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 26, wherein the controller prevents the light pattern from being provided at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
28. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 26, wherein the note-waiting indicator includes a speaker, the controller has a pre-programmed audio segment stored thereon, and upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the audio segment to be played via the speaker.
29. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 28, wherein the controller prevents the audio segment from being played at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
30. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 23, further comprising a portable housing that contains the note retention member, the switch, the motion sensor, the note-waiting indicator, and the controller.

31. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 30, further comprising a writing implement retention member attached to the portable housing.
32. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 30, wherein the housing defines a supply storage cavity.
33. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 23, further comprising a photograph retention member.
34. A motion-detecting note holder comprising:
 - a note retention member;
 - a motion sensor;
 - a note-waiting indicator; and
 - a controller in communication with the motion sensor and the note-waiting indicator, wherein the controller, upon receiving a motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, causes the note-waiting indicator to provide a human-perceptible indication that a note is in the note retention member.
35. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 34, wherein
 - the note-waiting indicator includes a speaker,
 - the controller has a pre-programmed audio segment stored thereon, and
 - upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the audio segment to be played via the speaker.
36. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 35, wherein the controller prevents the audio segment from being played at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
37. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 34, wherein
 - the note-waiting indicator includes a light source, and
 - upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the light source to provide a predefined light pattern.
38. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 37, wherein the controller prevents the light pattern from being provided at least until a preset time period has elapsed.

39. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 37, wherein the note-waiting indicator includes a speaker, the controller has a pre-programmed audio segment stored thereon, and upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the audio segment to be played via the speaker.
40. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 39, wherein the controller prevents the audio segment from being played at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
41. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 34, further comprising a portable housing that contains the note retention member, the switch, the motion sensor, the note-waiting indicator, and the controller.
42. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 41, further comprising a writing implement retention member attached to the portable housing.
43. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 41, wherein the housing defines a supply storage cavity.
44. The motion-detecting note holder of claim 34, further comprising a photograph retention member.
45. A motion-detecting note-waiting notification device comprising:
a motion sensor;
a note-waiting indicator; and
a controller in communication with the motion sensor and the note-waiting indicator, wherein the controller, upon receiving a motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, causes the note-waiting indicator to provide a human-perceptible indication that a note is waiting.
46. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 45, wherein the note-waiting indicator includes a speaker, the controller has a pre-programmed audio segment stored thereon, and upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the audio segment to be played via the speaker.

47. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 46, wherein the controller prevents the audio segment from being played at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
48. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 45, wherein the note-waiting indicator includes a light source, and upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the light source to provide a predefined light pattern.
49. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 48, wherein the controller prevents the light pattern from being provided at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
50. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 48, wherein the note-waiting indicator includes a speaker, the controller has a pre-programmed audio segment stored thereon, and upon receiving the motion-detection signal from the motion sensor, the controller causes the audio segment to be played via the speaker.
51. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 50, wherein the controller prevents the audio segment from being played at least until a preset time period has elapsed.
52. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 45, further comprising a portable housing that contains the note retention member, the switch, the motion sensor, the note-waiting indicator, and the controller.
53. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 52, further comprising a writing implement retention member attached to the portable housing.
54. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 52, wherein the housing defines a supply storage cavity.
55. The motion-detecting note-waiting notification device of claim 45, further comprising a photograph retention member.